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Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement – Development of a New Agreement and Performance Update

Summary: This report outlines the development of the next Kent Community Safety Agreement for 2014-17 and reviews progress in relation to the current Community Safety Agreement for 2011-14.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities (KCC/District/Boroughs), Kent Police and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (now CSP's) were required to carry out 3 yearly audits and to implement crime reduction strategies. A formal review of the 1998 Act took place in 2006, with the result that three year audits were replaced with annual partnership strategic assessments and rolling partnership plans, whilst in two tier authority areas a statutory County Community Safety Agreement was introduced.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the community safety priorities for the county along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. The priorities in the current CSA for 2011-14 resulted from the strategic assessments undertaken in 2010/11 with additional input from partners at a county-level. These have been reviewed on an annual basis over the last three years, however there has been no significant shift in priorities.

Priorities

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Acquisitive Crime
- Violent Crime
- Road Safety

Cross Cutting Themes

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Priority Neighbourhoods/Geographic Focus
- Vulnerable Households & Individuals
- Safeguarding Children & Young People
- Reducing Re-Offending

2.2 The current agreement for 2011-14 remains in effect until March 2014 and a new multi-agency document covering the next three years from April 2014 to March 2017 is being developed. Details of the development process are included below.

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3.0 Development of the Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17

- 3.1 As in previous years the KCC Community Safety Unit worked with partner agencies to source datasets and collate information for both the strategic assessment process and the development of the Community Safety Agreement. These datasets were analysed to help identify the overarching community safety priorities for Kent and subsequently a partnership workshop was undertaken with staff from all statutory partners invited to discuss any potential gaps as well as identify possible cross-cutting themes.
- 3.2 The outcome of the analysis and initial consultation indicated that the priorities identified in the 2011-14 agreement remain an issue and will continue to benefit from a partnership focus. In addition, the cross-cutting themes remain relatively unchanged and although some more specific themes were suggested including preventing violent extremism, victim support, e-safety and troubled families, these can be incorporated into the broader themes already identified, particularly early intervention and safeguarding.
- 3.3 At a local level the eleven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across Kent have undertaken their annual strategic assessments to identify the priorities for their own district/borough community safety plans. Initial indications are that the priorities identified by the local CSPs are likely to reflect the majority of those included in the CSA and these will be referenced in the final agreement.
- 3.4 In addition, the legislation that introduced Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) also brought with it a requirement for partners to have regard to the PCC's Police and Crime Plan and vice versa. KCSP members may recall the previous paper which highlighted the timeframe for strategic assessments being brought forward by three months to help align these processes. The link between these two strategic documents is emphasised in the attached Community Safety Agreement (see appendix A: page 9) which includes a diagram outlining the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes as well as the priorities set out in the PCC's plan.
- 3.5 The draft Community Safety Agreement for 2014-17 (see appendix A) is currently out for consultation with partners and comments are due by 14th March 2014. Further amendments may be made to the Agreement as a result of partnership feedback, after which the final version of the Agreement will be prepared and circulated to the Kent Community Safety Partnership for final approval.

4.0 Progress towards the County Priorities

- 4.1 Partners are continuing to work towards the activities identified in the CSA action plan with all actions either in progress (amber) or complete (green) including the development of a countywide ASB strategy, the creation of a website portal for domestic abuse services and the establishment of an Alcohol and Cannabis Penalty Notice (PND) diversion scheme.
- 4.2 The attached report (Appendix B) provides more details of the actions undertaken so far, however the following are just a few examples of some of the work being done to tackle the priorities:
- The new ASB case management system is fully in place with Kent Police staff, KCC Community Wardens have been trained and roll out to partners will be undertaken during 2014.

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- The young people's section of the Domestic Abuse Services Website has been further developed following consultation with partners, making the site more user-friendly and relevant for young people.
- The Kent Police 'Is it worth it?' Anti-Social Behaviour School Tour has reached 100,000 students in the last four years and will be continuing in 2014 with a focus on the risks of violence and exploitation from an e-safety perspective.
- The Licence to Kill road safety programme saw over 12,000 students this year and plans are underway for the 2014 productions to reach a similar number of students.
- The Road Safety Experience (road safety centre) is progressing well and building work is due to commence in the summer. During the next few months there will be a number of multi-agency planning meetings to look at ways that road safety partners can work together to deliver road safety education.

4.3 Whilst good and significant progress is being made against the action plan unfortunately many of the proxy measures chosen to represent the CSA priorities do not necessarily reflect this (see appendix). Nevertheless the proxy measures do highlight some areas that are in need and would benefit from a renewed focus from partners: domestic abuse, domestic burglary, violent crime and substance misuse.

5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 The draft Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17 will be amended as appropriate subject to feedback from partners. The final version of the Agreement will then be circulated to members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership.
- 5.2 Preliminary discussions are already in progress with partners to develop a new action plan to support the Community Safety Agreement priorities and cross-cutting themes for 2014-17. The action plan will be developed in consultation with partners for approval at the next KCSP meeting in July 2014.
- 5.3 The final performance report for the current CSA 2011-14 summarising the key achievements over the last three years will be submitted to the next KCSP meeting in July.
- 5.4 During the next few months work will commence on the strategic assessment for the forthcoming year and as part of the process we will be conducting a review of this year's strategic assessment, with partners, including a review of the timeframe.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress with regard the draft Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17 and the proposal that the final version of the Agreement be circulated to KCSP members for final approval once complete.
- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress with regard the current Kent Community Safety Agreement for 2011-14.

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Draft Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17 - restricted to KCSP members

Appendix B: Kent Community Safety Agreement 2011-14 - Performance Monitoring

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